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*Whether it's a vegetable garden, house plants or a landscape...*

# A Garden Runs Through It

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## **This month's links:**

- [Extended Care of Cut Flowers](#)
- [Lawn: Watering](#)
- [Bee Stings](#)

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## **Information Booth Locations:**

First Year Anniversary

May 1 9am-4pm

Water Conservation in your Garden and Landscape

Presentations at:

11am and 2pm

10th and Parkhill, Colusa

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Plant Clinic

Messick's Ace Hardware, Colusa

Saturday May 15, 9am-Noon

Have a question? Email us at [mgcolusa@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgcolusa@ucdavis.edu)

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday,  
9am—12pm  
UCCE office,  
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Thursday,  
1pm—4pm  
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530 Market St,  
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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### How much can irrigation be reduced without hurting a lawn?

It depends on the type of grass that dominates the lawn and the amount of water currently being applied. If the lawn is primarily a cool-season grass and it is being well watered with no obvious drought symptoms, then the amount of water can probably be reduced by 10 to 15 percent without seriously injuring it. Brown areas that develop are often a sign that a sprinkler needs adjusting.

If the lawn is primarily a warm-season grass and you are keeping it well watered, you can probably reduce the amount by up to 25 percent without seriously hurting it.

Always gradually reduce the amount of water applied following the approach described above.

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\* For more information about saving water in your \*  
\* Garden and Landscape: \*  
\* [Click here](#) \*  
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## Be A Water Saver

Try these water saving tips:

- ◆ Water early in the morning (before 8am)
- ◆ Avoid watering during windy times of the day



**Interested in becoming a  
Colusa County Master Gardener?  
We are taking applications for the 2011 class.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

For upcoming events and classes:

[Statewide Master Gardener Classes](#)

For more information about gardening in California:

[California Gardening](#)

For more information about water wise plants:

[UC Davis Arboretum](#)

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